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GOP RELEASED FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON NARCOTICS BY
PRIMIN BHUTTO SEPT. 17 (UNNECESSARY WORDS OMITTED):
"IN RESPONSE TO APPROACHES MADE TO GOP BY FRIENDLY
COUNTRIES FOR COOPERATION IN ELIMINATION OF THIS
SCOURGE OF NARCOTICS, FEDERAL GOVT. HAVE CONSTITUTED
NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD TO ELIMINATE ILLICIT
GROWING OF, AND TRAFFIC IN THESE DANGEROUS DRUGS.
GOVT. IS ACUTELY CONSCIOUS OF HEAVY TOLL WHICH
DRUGS HAVE TAKEN OF YOUNGER GENERATION IN MANY
COUNTRIES. WE CANNOT BUT CO-OPERATE WITH INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY TO ROOT OUT THIS SOCIAL EVIL.
"BOARD HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION
FOR REGISTRATION OF DRUG ADDICTS AND INSTITUTE NECESSARY
MEASURES FOR THEIR REHABILITATION.
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"PRODUCTION OF OPIUM WILL BE PROGRESSIVELY REDUCED
WITH A VIEW TO ITS TOTAL ELIMINATION AS EARLY AS
POSSIBLE.

"I AM CONSCIOUS OF PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN UNDERTAKING
THIS NECESSARY HUMANITARIAN TASK BUT WILL NOT BE
DAUNTED BY DIFFICULTIES THAT LIE IN WAY OF COMBATING
THIS MENACE. IF IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS POLICY INVOLVES
COLOSSAL TASK OF RE-ORIENTING ECONOMIC LIFE IN POPPY
GROWING AREAS AND ERADICATION OF DEEPLY INGRAINED EVIL
HABITS, THIS WILL BE DONE.
COMPREHENSIVE PROJECTS FOR DEVELOPMENT OF SUCH AREAS
WILL HAVE TO BE IMPLEMENTED TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE
AND ADEQUATE SOURCES OF LIVELIHOOD FOR GROWER.

" THIS PROGRAMME OF LIMITING PRODUCTION OF NARCOTICS
AND ELIMINATING ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN THIS DRUG HAS
INTERNATIONAL DIMENSIONS. I, THEREFORE, HOPE THAT
IMPORTANCE OF OUR UNDERTAKING WILL BE DULY APPRECIATED
BY INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY. LARGE-SCALE MOBILISATION OF
RESOURCES WILL BE NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ENABLE US TO
PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE MEANS OF LIVELIHOOD TO A LARGE
NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO MUST NOT FEEL ANY DISLOCATION
AS RESULT OF ENFORCEMENT OF NEW POLICY."
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